





Federal Eviction Moratorium: Resources for Veterans Experiencing Housing Instability





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Update on the Federal Eviction Moratorium

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Resources for Veterans Experiencing Housing Instability







Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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- The long-term economic impact of COVID-19 may mean more Veterans are behind on rent and/or at risk of homelessness
- Due to the length of the moratorium many more housed Veterans may be at "imminent risk"
- CARES Act and American Rescue Plan greatly expanded available resources



CDC EVICTION MORATORIUM UNTIL OCTOBER 3, 2021



Moratorium in place since March 2020

- CARES Act moratorium from March 27, 2020, to August 23, 2020
- CDC Moratorium since September 4, 2020

Additionally, a small number of states and municipalities may have moratoriums in place.

Find more details <u>here</u>.





\$46 billion are targeted toward households who:

- have qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship during or due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic;
- can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability (including those who have lost housing); and
- has a household income below 80% AMI

Find programs by state **here**



• Homelessness Prevention is **NOT** the same as eviction prevention.

• **Diversion** is the most targeted form of prevention

• When limited, HP resources must focus on those most likely to become homeless (SSVF uses screening tool)



Rapid Re-housing for Homeless Households

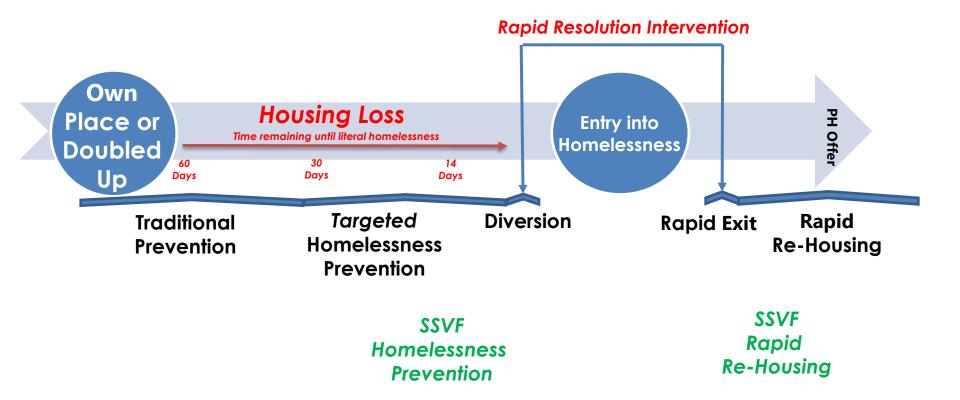
- Literally homeless Veterans face greatest vulnerability
- Grantees must ensure RRH demand can be met before HP

Homelessness Prevention for Imminent Risk

- Stage 1 allows for enrollment and services (rapid resolution, service, mediation, coordinated referrals)
- Stage 2 allows for full TFA assistance if needed to prevent entry into homelessness









Identify barriers to engagement

- Equity: persons of color overrepresented among homeless
- Resources are available to get literally homeless into safety:
 - o <u>www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/HPO_Policy_Guidance_</u> EHA.pdf

Coordination & Outreach

Develop strategies with community partners



COORDINATING ERAP AND SSVF FOR THOSE AT-RISK



- ERAP programs have struggled to move quickly to respond to demand for rental assistance
- SSVF should, when appropriate, support at-risk Veterans in accessing Treasury ERAP funds before utilizing SSVF Temporary Financial Assistance.
- SSVF can assist Veterans in accessing ERAP assistance for arrears while providing direct supportive services to the household (ERAP does not provide services)



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY





After rent arrears paid, income may still be insufficient to pay rent

- National expansion of SSVF Shallow Subsidy announced August 5, 2021
- Currently pays 35% of rent for 2 years and subsidy does not decrease for entire period
- Close coordination with DOL's Homeless Veterans **Reintegration Program**



HOW COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAN HELP





- Call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID VET or (877) 424-3838 for assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Identify and contact the nearest local VA Medical Center for help with housing insecurity, food insecurity, or unemployment by visiting www.va.gov/find-locations.
- Visit <u>VA.gov/HousingResources</u> to learn how to access VA and non-VA rental assistance, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing resources.







Extended Relief for Veteran Borrowers Affected by COVID-19

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The Biden Administration's Ongoing Plans to Promote Housing Stability Among American Families

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Questions and Answers







Wrap Up





Send Questions To:

HomelessVets@va.gov

Additional Information:

www.va.gov/HousingResources

Help for Veterans Facing Housing Crises:

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans,
 (877) 4AID-VET or (877) 424-3838,
 24 hour/day, 7 days/week